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**Goldsboro Correctional Sergeant Receives NCThinks Award**  
*Suggestion Makes Inmate Banking System Run More Smoothly*

RALEIGH -- A correctional sergeant at the Neuse Correctional Center in Goldsboro was awarded three days' leave from the NCThinks State Review Committee at the committee's quarterly meeting today.

NCThinks is the state's suggestion system for state employees. State employees can submit money-saving ideas online at [www.ncthinks.nc.gov](http://www.ncthinks.nc.gov).

Jenny Tadie, a Goldsboro resident, submitted the suggestion to NCThinks in 2009 when she was a corrections officer at the former Charlotte Correctional Center. Before her suggestion was implemented, corrections officers physically wrote and mailed checks for inmates. Tadie recommended that the inmates' money be deposited and transferred as needed directly through the Opus Banking System.

"Using the Opus system meant that we do not have to write checks for 2 cents or 50 cents," Tadie told committee members. "It also means that checks do not get lost in the mail and the inmates know where their money is."

Evaluators at the NC Department of Public Safety estimate that the suggestion saves about \$100 a year and is a major improvement in service to the public.

Committee member Art Anthony praised Tadie's suggestion. "It is important for state employees to make suggestions to improve state government," he said. "If nobody brings it up, nothing happens to create change."

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Left to right: Lee White, Art Anthony both of the NCThinks State Review Committee, Jenny Tadie of the Neuse Correctional Center, Peggy Beach, NCThinks State Coordinator, Regina Hill and Keith Dupuis, both of the NCThinks State Review Committee. Tadie was awarded three days leave for her suggestion to improve inmate banking. May 9, 2012